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[redacted] Mrs. Eleanor Molloy, in the office of Representative Thomas M. Rees, called and asked for information on the Agency organization and its budget. I explained to Mrs. Molloy the reasons why this information was not available but suggested that the Congressman (whom she indicated was interested in this) might find a reading of the National Security Act and the CIA Act helpful. I also indicated that I would send her a pamphlet on the Agency. Mrs. Molloy seemed to understand the situation and thanked me for this assistance.

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[redacted] Representative William Bates called to say that several local Massachusetts newspapers had written editorials critical of his support of the Agency in the NSA matter. He wishes to write letters to the editors concerned and asked if someone would drop by to see him and assist him with this. I told him that one of us would see him tomorrow.

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[redacted] At his request, arranged for Mr. Doug Baldwin, in the office of Senator Clifford P. Hansen, to be placed on the mailing list for the [redacted]. Baldwin also asked for any Hanoi Radio broadcasts we could provide quoting Hanoi as saying they adhered to the Geneva Convention provisions prohibiting firing on ambulance vehicles. I told him we would check on this and advise.

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[redacted] Received a call from Representative Roman Pucinski in Chicago. He said he understood that the Cuban Freedom Committee had been identified as one of those organizations receiving support from the Agency. I told him I was not aware of this. The Congressman said if he was queried on this he intended to indicate that "their organization" received support from a number of organizations and foundations and, if necessary, would add that if any of these organizations should have received their money from the CIA he couldn't care less.

The Congressman was also quite concerned about the continuing list of organizations which are being identified in the press as recipients of Agency support. He asked me where this information was coming from. My response was that newspaper accounts in the Washington Post had indicated Representative Wright Patman's Subcommittee as the source of much of their information. Mr. Pucinski was very much concerned about this saying that he felt this should be taken up with the Speaker, that perhaps the Congress and some of the Congressional staffs were being penetrated and that this should be looked into. My only comment was that I found his remarks "interesting."